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CAMPAIGNERS — The top four candidates on the Democratic-NPL ticket gathered here Friday night at a rally. Shown are (left to right) Sen. Quentin N. Burdick, Gov. William L. Guy, P. W. (Bill) Lanier, and Scott Anderson. (Sun Photo)

Before 'Sellout Crowd'

Dem-NPL's Big Four Launch Bitter Attack On Opposition At Rally Here

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North Dakota Democratic - NPL candidates, obviously spurred on by a sellout crowd, lashed out at alleged Republican "do-nothing-ism" with noted vim and vigor here Friday night at a Stutsman County

taking turns in aiming the verbal cannons at the GOP were Gov. William L. Guy, Sen. Quentin N. Burdick, senatorial candidate P. W. (Bill) Lanier Jr., and Eastern District House candidate Scott Anderson. Their accusations ranged from tampering by the Attorney General, slow movements on the Garrison Diversion project and voting records.

The Jamestown Memorial Building had all it could handle to take care of the crowd, an estimated 500. The turnout was a bit surprising in that Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior, was originally scheduled as guest speaker, but had to pass up the invitation when President Kennedy ordered all cabinet members to stay in Washington.

Gov. Guy denied a charge by his Republican opponent Mark Andrews that he (Guy) had failed to take action on a proposed sugar beet processing plant in the state. Andrews Thursday had accused Guy of lacking interest in attracting industry into North Dakota because, he said, Guy failed to answer a letter seeking information about the possibility of constructing a plant. Andrews said the Governor acknowledged receipt of the letter and said he was in the process of compiling information which was to be forwarded as soon as possible. But, Andrews said, Guy failed to follow through with the promise and the letter writer had to run elsewhere to get the information.

Guy lashed back by saying that the original letter was taken from his desk by someone in the Attorney General's office, an answer was written and the reply turned over to the Republicans. Guy said he was on vacation at the time and was never informed of the original letter. He said that Andrews and the Republicans are claiming credit for starting action

on the sugar beet plant, asked "Where were the Republicans when the last four sugar beet plants were built in Minnesota?"

Sen. Burdick gave the gathering a promise that he would get some action on the Garrison Diversion project. The Senator said that the action taken by the 87th Congress this year was the first step forward in 17 years, and lambasted Republican congressmen for their "waiting attitude" on the project.

Burdick touched briefly on the farm surplus problem, saying that the Democrats inherited it. But, he added, surplus is going down and farm income is rising under the noted Republican opposition to a present administration. He also noted Republican opposition to a scenic highway proposal which would link Highways 10 and 2, but said that the route would be built.

Lanier took a swipe at the state newspapers, claiming he had been misquoted several times, then proceeded to read a statement asserting that he had never said nation-wide. He said he would not answer charge by his opponent, Sen. Milton R.

Young, to that effect. Lanier said that he told the people that when and if the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the State Department furnished proof of a buildup in Cuba, President Kennedy would act. When proof was furnished, Lanier said, the President acted immediately.

The Fargo attorney said he thought it was unbelievable that a U. S. Senator would make such statements concerning Kennedy's refusal to act sooner on the Cuban situation. Lanier then launched into an attack on Young's voting

record, calling him an "exaggerated 20 per cent Senator." He said Young had called a printed booklet put out by Lanier on Young's voting record "trash." "But," Lanier continued, "It consists of nothing but his voting record."

Anderson said Rep. Olaf Nygaard, who made work on the Garrison project an "absolute impossibility" because of their negative voting. He accused Nygaard of failure to show up for important committee meetings on the Burns Creek project, which preceded the Garrison project in subcommittee hearings.

The young Jamestown candidate laid the blame on Nygaard's voting record for slowing action on the water projects, saying that "this is a critical issue in this campaign."

E. C. Wieland acted as toastmaster for the event. Rev. J. A. Nestingen gave the opening invocation and Mayor Wm. Westley gave a welcoming speech. The American Legion band and bugle corps contributed a brief musical interlude.

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